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### Message:

Ms. Britton,

Per our telephone conversation, I am attaching the Preliminary Amendment as filed August 30, 2006 with a new page 8 which now includes the claim indicator for claim 39.

Please contact me if you have any questions in this regard.

Monique Morneault

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For: Monolithic Micro-Engineered Mass  
SpectrometerCommissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages.

Amendments to the **Specification** beginning on Page 2 of this paper.Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
Page 3 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on Page 9 of this paper.